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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - GROUP 1641



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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 30, 1999 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued March 30, 1999 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due June 30, 1999. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 20 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 by adding the underlined material and deleting the bracketed material as follows:

--20. (amended) A method for diagnosing erythrocyte hemolysis in a subject suspected of having erythrocyte hemolysis comprising the steps of:

- (a) obtaining a serum sample from said subject; and
(b) determining the level [detecting the presence] of erythrocyte adenylate kinase activity in said sample, the presence of at least 20 U/L [said] erythrocyte adenylate kinase activity being indicative of erythrocyte hemolysis in said subject.--